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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/574,456
Filing Date	May 19, 2000
First Named Inventor	Mario Elam Tremblay, et al.
Group Art Unit	1724 ✓
Examiner Name	I.C. Cintins
Attorney Docket Number	7568M
Confirmation Number	7765

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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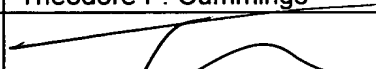
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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	Extra Claims	Fee from Below	Fee Paid
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Independent Claims	<input type="checkbox"/> - 3** =	<input type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/> = <input type="checkbox"/>
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1202 18	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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1052 50	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>
1053 130	Non-English specification	<input type="checkbox"/>
1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	<input type="checkbox"/>
1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action	<input type="checkbox"/>
1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action	<input type="checkbox"/>
1251 110	Extension for reply within 1 st month	<input type="checkbox"/>
1252 420	Extension for reply within 2 nd month	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1401 330	Notice of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1810 770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	<input type="checkbox"/>
1801 770	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	[X]
1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	<input type="checkbox"/>
1454 1330	Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 121, or 365 (a) or (c)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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